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SUBJ: NAGANUMA CASE

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1. KYODO REPORT CARRIED JAPANESE PRESS SEPT 9, 1973 REPORTS
EXPRESSION OF CONCERN BY STATE DEPT OFFICIALS THAT NAGANUMA
CASE MIGHT CAUSE ADVERSE EFFECTS ON US-JAPAN SECURITY RELATION-
SHIP. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE TEXT ANY DEPT STATEMENT ON
MATTER AND GUIDANCE. IN MEANTIME, WE WILL HOLD TO FOLLOWING
LINE NAGUNUMA CASE IS ONE FOR JAPANESE JUDICIAL SYSTEM TO WORK
OUT. WHILE WE RECOGNIZE THAT THE CASE MAY SPARK POLITICAL DE-
BATE AND CONTROVERSY INSIDE JAPAN, THESE ARE MATTERS FOR
THE JAPANESE PEOPLE TO DECIDE, AND THAT THE UNITED STATES
GOVT WOULD HAVE NO COMMENT AT PRESENT ONE WAY OR ANOTHER.

2. TEXT OF KYODO PIECE IS AS FOLLOWS:

BEGIN TEXT

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STATE DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS EXPRESSED CONCERN FRIDAY THAT A

JAPANESE COURT RULING THAT JAPAN'S SELF-DEFENSE FORCES CONSTITUTE A VIOLATION OF THE CONSTITUTION MIGHT CAUSE ADVERSE EFFECTS ON THE US-JAPAN SECURITY SYSTEM IN THE FUTURE.

OFFICIALS IN CHARGE OF DEFENSE AFFAIRS ARE ALSO CONCERNED ABOUT ITS POSSIBLE POLITICAL IMPACT THAT MIGHT TRIGGER ANTI US-JAPAN SECURITY CAMPAIGNS IN AND OUTSIDE THE JAPANESE DIET.

THE SAPPORO DISTRICT COURT HANDED DOWN THE RULING FRIDAY, CLAIMING THAT THE SELF-DEFENSE FORCES ARE CAPABLE OF MAKING WAR, WHICH IS PROHIBITED UNDER THE NO-WAR CONSTITUTION.

THE COURT DECISION CAME AT A TIME WHEN THE UNITED STATES WAS EXPECTING JAPAN TO STEP UP ITS DEFENSE BUILDUP WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE CONSTITUTION.

THE UNITED STATES VALUES THE US-JAPAN SECURITY TREATY HIGHLY AND HAS EXPRESSED ITS INTENTION TO FURTHER DEVELOP THE COORDINATION BETWEEN THE SDF AND US FORCES IN JAPAN, ACCORDING TO THE OFFICIALS.

WASHINGTON ALSO CONSIDERS IT NATURAL FOR JAPAN TO INCREASE ITS DEFENSE BURDENS IN VIEW OF ITS ECONOMIC GROWTH. END TEXT.
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